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6,186,179	James A. Hill	February 13, 2001
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WO 95/08064 A1	Elizabeth M. Laws	March 23, 1995
WO 95/19504 A1	David Jeffrey Meyer	July 20, 1995

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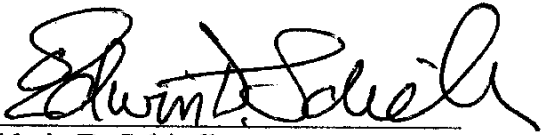
The cited references relate, generally, to sports/game simulators known to the prior art.

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